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Snailords
Nightmare
FACTORY
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Riddles

If they never existed, then why do I have vivid memories of my brother's bratty voice,
his dirty socks all over the kitchen floor.
The scent of my dad's morning coffee and his guitar strumming through the night.

I don't f*cking understand.

F*ck. Crying salves nothing, but who hooked my eyes up to the Nile river? Hahah... Like a leaking faucet, I can't stop.

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ot your dorkest
moments of despoir,
someone olwoys wipes
owoy your teors, whispering
"It will be ok."

In reolity, nothing
but cold honds
of loneliness
to embroce you.
Cry until you
wish to rip out
your beating heort
to stop the
emotionol poin....

No one
comes
for you.
No one
ever does.

NNG!
ARGH! WHY AM I SUDDENLY STRUCK BY THIS DREADFUL SENSE OF SORROW?

LIKE I'M DROWNING AND SUFFOCATING FOR AIR.
BACK TO EMAI'S WORLD.
EXCUSE ME, MISS.
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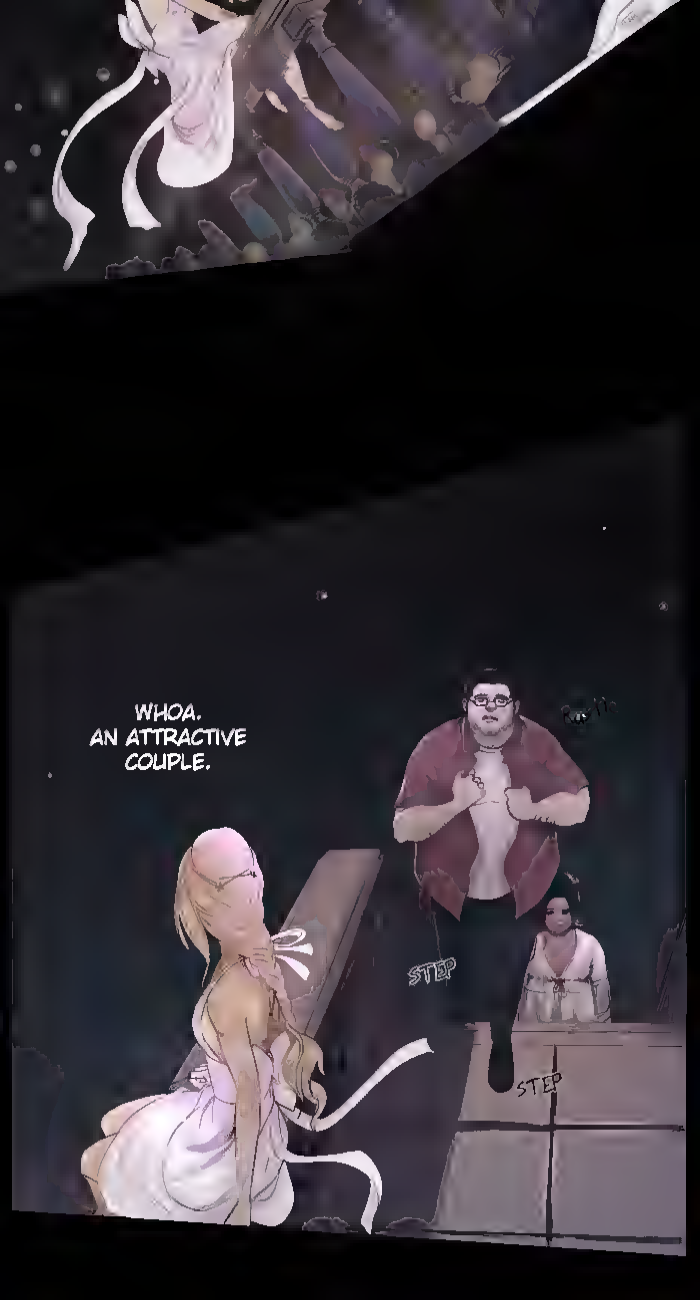
Tears: Off


WHOA.
AN ATTRACTIVE
COUPLE.
STEP
STEP

OH?
IS HE
OFFERING
ME HIS
JACKET?
THAT'S
NICE.
RUSTLE
OH, HONEY.
YOU'RE ALL
SKIN AND BONES.
PLEASE COVER
YOURSELF WITH
THIS JACKET.
IF OTHER KIDS
CATCH YOU LIKE THIS,
THEY'RE BOUND TO
BULLY YOU!

WAS SHE CRYING JUST NOW? I BET HER BOYFRIEND DUMPED HER BECAUSE SHE'S UGLY.
I MEAN, I'D CRY TOO IF I WAS HER SIZE. WHY WOULD YOU WEAR SUCH AN UNFLATTERING OUTFIT FOR THAT SCRAWNY FIGURE?
Shudder
Shudder
HEY NOW, DON'T BE MEAN. NOT EVERYONE CAN BE BORN ATTRACTIVE.
DON'T ASSAULT THEM. DON'T ASSAULT THEM.

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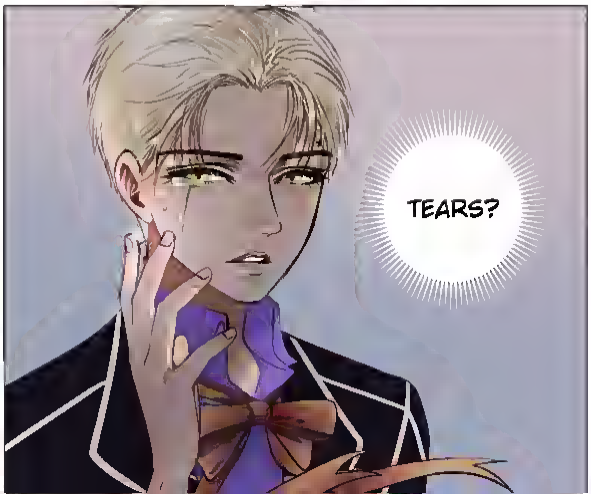
IN EMAI'S WORLD, OBESITY IS ATTRACTIVE. THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION HAS HIGH METABOLISM. MOST PEOPLE ARE EITHER FIT OR SKINNY.

TO GAIN WEIGHT, MOST PEOPLE FORCE FEED THEMSELVES, SURGICALLY EXPAND THEIR STOMACH OR GET LIPO-GRAFTING. (FAT-GRAFTING)

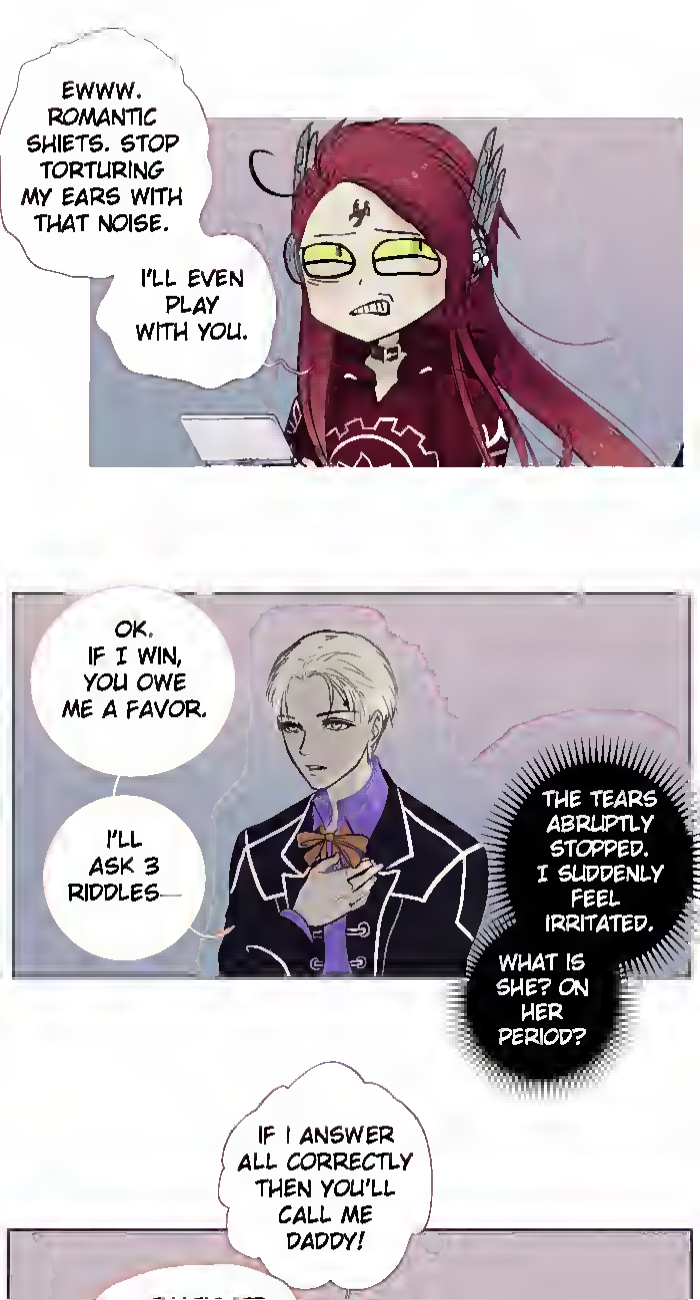
UM... NO?
MY CAFE IS OVER THERE!
THIS IS A POPULAR SUICIDE SPOT. PLEASE KILL YOURSELF ELSEWHERE.
PLEASE DON'T BE SELFISH AND RUIN MY BUSINESS.
OH MY F*CKING GALAXY!

HEY, UNIVERSE, HOW HAVE I OFFENDED YOU?
WHY CAN'T I EVEN GRIEVE IN PEACE!??

BACK IN NIGHTMARE FACTORY...



ARE YOU SERIOUSLY CRYING BECAUSE I REFUSED TO PLAY WITH YOU?
STAAAHP*. (STOP) YOU'RE MORE PRESSED THAN AN ELEVATOR'S BUTTONS.
SOMEONE STOLE MY HEART AND RAN AWAY.
IT SEEMS SHE AND I MIGHT BE TEMPORARILY EMOTIONALLY LINKED UNTIL MY NEW HEART REGENERATES.
SHE'S OFF CRYING SOMEWHERE... SWEET~ A FATE WELL DESERVED.


EWWW. ROMANTIC SHIETS. STOP TORTURING MY EARS WITH THAT NOISE.
I'LL EVEN PLAY WITH YOU.
OK. IF I WIN, YOU OWE ME A FAVOR.
I'LL ASK 3 RIDDLES—
THE TEARS ABRUPTLY STOPPED. I SUDDENLY FEEL IRRITATED.
WHAT IS SHE? ON HER PERIOD?
IF I ANSWER ALL CORRECTLY THEN YOU'LL CALL ME DADDY!

...THAT'S IT? I CAN LITERALLY DO THAT RIGHT NOW—DADDY.

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

NO. STOP THAT. IT'S LESS FUN WHEN YOU'RE WILLING, SIREN.

WHEN ROSS WAS 10, HIS SISTER WAS HALF HIS AGE. HE'S 68 NOW. HOW OLD IS SHE? CAN YOU ANSWER THIS QUESTION?

SHE'S 63.

A MAN GOES DOWN A 1-WAY STREET BUT THE POLICE OFFICER DIDN'T ARREST HIM. WHY? CAN YOU ANSWER THIS

QUESTION?

HE WAS WALKING!

WHY IS THE ORANGE AFRAID OF THE APPLE? CAN YOU ANSWER THIS QUESTION?

BECAUSE THE APPLE IS HARD-CORE!

BAM! I WON!

NOPE. YOU LOST. YOU NEVER ANSWERED THE QUESTIONS.

YOUR EXISTENCE IS WRONG. I ANSWERED EVERY SINGLE ONE!
THE QUESTIONS ALL ENDED WITH "CAN YOU ANSWER THIS QUESTION?"
THEY WERE ALL "YES" OR "NO" ANSWERS; WHICH YOU FAILED TO DO.

JUST KIDDING. I'M NOT EVEN MAD. THAT'S QUITE CRAFTY OF YOU.

BUT I NEVER LET A GOOD CHANCE TO DRAMATICALLY SLAM A TABLE SLIP BY~

VERY GRATIFYING.

THANKS FOR THE APPRECIATION, ANA/SARAH— WHATEVER. ANYWAYS, YOU OWE ME A FAVOR.

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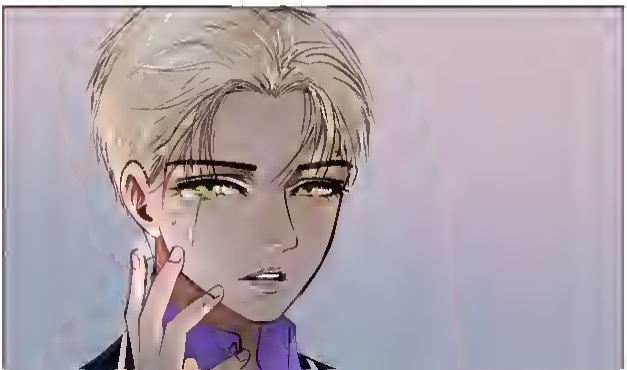

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